

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A drive apparatus for a plasma display panel using a charge recovery circuit 12 that re-uses a recovered electrical charge, the drive apparatus comprising: a  
5 brightness detection means 16, 17 for detecting a brightness so as to obtain screen brightness information; and a charge recovery timing control means 4 for controlling a charge recovery period T from a time at which a charge recovery operation of the charge recovery circuit 12 starts to a time  
10 of fixing to a sustaining potential or a ground potential, wherein the charge recovery timing control means 4 controls the charge recovery period of the charge recovery circuit 4 in response to the brightness information obtained by the brightness detection means 16, 17.